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Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Batesville, Indiana's GE C&I with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN December 12, 2006 – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Lori A. Torres is proud to announce that GE C&I (Consumer & Industrial) of Batesville, Indiana has achieved Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) "Star" status.

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where Management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

The awarding ceremony, at the GE C&I site in Batesville, IN, gave the chance for company employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials. Commissioner Torres herself explains her goal in implementing this program: "As the Commissioner of Labor, I am committed to the growth and expansion of this program throughout all industries represented in Indiana. Distribution centers have a unique role in the commerce that takes place in our state. I am proud that this work environment can be productive and safe for all involved."

GE C&I is a division of General Electric Company and is designated as a Large Order Center (LOC). The Batesville location operates mainly as a warehouse storing GE C&I's light products, cellular accessories, and home electronic products prior to distribution to consumer retailers. The facility was built in 1994 and consists of approximately 361,000 square feet of warehouse and office space. The LOC employs 76 full time, part time, temporary, and contract workers.

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